

# House Resolution 39 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY HEDDENS and WESSEL=KROESCHELL  
1 3 A Resolution recognizing the federal Morrill  
1 4 Act and celebrating the renovation of Morrill  
1 5 Hall at Iowa State University.  
1 6 WHEREAS, the federal Morrill Act, sponsored by  
1 7 United States Senator Justin Morrill of Vermont and  
1 8 signed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862, was the  
1 9 most important federal legislative act for higher  
1 10 education of the 19th century, giving states like Iowa  
1 11 the means to provide affordable higher education  
1 12 opportunities to every citizen; and  
1 13 WHEREAS, Senator Morrill stated that "[t]he  
1 14 land-grant colleges were founded on the idea that a  
1 15 higher and broader education should be placed in every  
1 16 State within the reach of those whose destiny assigns  
1 17 them to, or who may have the courage to choose ...  
1 18 locations where the wealth of nations is produced,  
1 19 where advanced civilization unfolds its comforts, and  
1 20 where a much larger number of the people need wider  
1 21 educational advantages, and impatiently await their  
1 22 possession"; and  
1 23 WHEREAS, in 1862, the great State of Iowa became  
1 24 the first state to accept the terms of the Morrill  
1 25 Act; and  
1 26 WHEREAS, the Iowa State College of Agriculture and  
1 27 Mechanic Arts founded in 1858 and now the Iowa State  
1 28 University of Science and Technology became, in 1864,  
1 29 the first institution in the United States designated  
1 30 as a land-grant institution; and  
2 1 WHEREAS, 215 institutions are now members of the  
2 2 National Association of State Universities and  
2 3 Land-Grant Colleges, educating nearly 3 million  
2 4 students located in all 50 states; and  
2 5 WHEREAS, Morrill Hall at Iowa State University,  
2 6 since its construction in 1891, has stood as a proud  
2 7 symbol honoring Senator Morrill and honoring Iowa's  
2 8 commitment to public higher education; and  
2 9 WHEREAS, more than 2,700 private donors contributed  
2 10 more than \$7.4 million and Iowa's taxpayers  
2 11 contributed almost \$2.8 million of the \$10.2 million  
2 12 cost to renovate Morrill Hall; and  
2 13 WHEREAS, Morrill Hall, after a two-year renovation,  
2 14 will now continue its service in fulfilling Iowa State  
2 15 University's land-grant mission of teaching, research,  
2 16 and outreach by housing the Center for Excellence in  
2 17 Learning and Teaching, the Center for Textiles and  
2 18 Clothing, three modern classrooms, and the  
2 19 world-renowned Christian Petersen Art Collection; and  
2 20 WHEREAS, the rededication of Morrill Hall begins a  
2 21 yearlong celebration of Iowa State University's  
2 22 sesquicentennial; NOW THEREFORE,  
2 23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
2 24 That the House of Representatives recognizes and  
2 25 honors the achievements of the federal Morrill Act in  
2 26 making higher education available to millions of  
2 27 Americans over the past century and a half; and  
2 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
2 29 Representatives applauds the completion of the  
2 30 renovation of Morrill Hall as an important symbol of  
3 1 the commitment of the State of Iowa to the ideals of  
3 2 the land-grant colleges and universities; and  
3 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
3 4 Representatives thanks the taxpayers of Iowa and the  
3 5 more than 2,700 private donors who have given of their  
3 6 own resources to renovate Morrill Hall and return it  
3 7 to the people of Iowa as an important education  
3 8 facility.  
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